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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(North Dakota) Chemical spill closes highway in Richland County. HAZMAT crews responded to the scene of a liquid nitrogen spill on Highway 13 near Wyndmere after a plastic tank filled with the chemical detached from a semi-truck travelling on the roadway. Traffic was diverted for over 1 hour while crews cleared the scene. <http://kfgo.com/news/articles/2014/jul/02/chemical-spill-closes-highway-in-richland-county/>

(North Dakota) Flaring policy sets goals, penalties. State regulators approved a policy on Tuesday aimed at reducing natural gas flaring. Under the policy, companies could face penalties restricting oil production until compliance is met. http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/flaring-policy-sets-goals-penalties/article_f2580e7c-017a-11e4-ada0-0019bb2963f4.html

(North Dakota) North Dakota resisting BNSF push to keep oil-by-rail volume secret. BNSF Railway, the nation's main mover of crude oil by rail, has pressured North Dakota and other states to sign confidentiality agreements barring public release of estimates of how much Bakken crude they move and where -- a new requirement from the federal government. http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci_25919239/north-dakota-resisting-bnsf-push-keep-oil-by

(North Dakota) Thousands of rail cars behind on ND grain shipments. Nearly 5,000 rail cars are lagging behind on their North Dakota grain shipments, according to newly released numbers that also show thousands more cars are trailing behind nationwide. Two rail transportation companies have provided their first weekly updates on backlogged grain shipments after they were mandated by the federal government to do so in June. <http://www.inforum.com/content/thousands-rail-cars-behind-nd-grain-shipments>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) FEMA to Survey MN Flood Damage. FEMA will survey flooded Minnesota counties Tuesday in order to determine if the state qualifies for federal funding. Federal officials say the flooding must have caused \$7.3 million dollars in

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damages in order to get money.

<http://www.valleynewslive.com/story/25903639/fema-to-survey-mn-flood-damage>

(North Dakota, Minnesota) US ag secretary announces \$50 million in funding for Red River Valley flood control projects. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Wednesday that up to \$50 million is available over five years to the Red River Valley to help mitigate flooding through a new regional conservation program. <http://www.inforum.com/content/us-ag-secretary-announces-50-million-funding-red-river-valley-flood-control-projects>

NATIONAL

(National) Oil & natural gas industry forms ISAC. The oil and gas industry created its own Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) June 26 in order to aid in the sharing of information through other ISACs and help coordinate industry-wide responses to attacks, in addition to creating a secure portal for participants. <http://www.darkreading.com/analytics/threat-intelligence/oil-and-natural-gasindustry-forms-isac/d/d-id/1278885>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) In NSA-intercepted data, those not targeted far outnumber the foreigners who are. Ordinary Internet users, American and non-American alike, far outnumber legally targeted foreigners in the communications intercepted by the National Security Agency from U.S. digital networks, according to a four-month investigation by The Washington Post. http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/in-nsa-intercepted-data-those-not-targeted-far-outnumber-the-foreigners-who-are/2014/07/05/8139adf8-045a-11e4-8572-4b1b969b6322_story.html

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) BNP Paribas agrees to plead guilty and to pay \$8.9 billion for illegally processing financial transactions for countries subject to U.S. economic sanctions. France-based financial institution BNP Paribas agreed in court documents June 30 to enter a guilty plea for conspiring to violate U.S. sanctions

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by processing billions of dollars of transactions for Cuban, Iranian, and Sudanese entities. BNP Paribas also agreed to pay \$8.9 billion in penalties.

<http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/bnp-paribas-agrees-to-plead-guilty-and-to-pay-8.9-billion-for-illegally-processing-financial-transactions-for-countries-subject-to-u.s.-economic-sanctions>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(International) Houston Astros' systems breached, trade talks revealed. An unauthorized individual accessed confidential information, including content related to internal trades, stored on an online database created by the Houston Astros baseball team as a means of confidential communication. Team officials are working with the FBI to investigate the incident, but believe the intrusion may be due to a weak password. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Houston-Astros-Systems-Breached-Trade-Talks-Revealed-449040.shtml>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(International) GM announces 6 new recalls, 7.6 million cars in the US. General Motors announced six recalls June 30 affecting 8.4 million vehicles, including 7.6 million vehicles in the U.S. The recalls cover several vehicle makes and models from the 1997-2014 model years. <http://www.cnbc.com/id/101793176>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(International) Energy companies in Europe, US hit by sophisticated attack campaign. Symantec researchers identified an ongoing cyberattack campaign by a group known as Dragonfly or Energetic Bear targeting the energy sector in the U.S. and several other countries. The campaign has used phishing emails, watering hole attacks, and a recently-uncovered compromise of several industrial control system manufacturers' Web sites. <http://www.securityweek.com/energy-companies-europe-us-hit-sophisticated-attack-campaign>

(Utah) Green River oil spill visually clean, but monitoring continues. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management reported July 2 that it could take up to 2 years before they issue a complete all-clear to the site of a May 21 oil well leak that reached the Green River in Salt Lake City after officials issued a preliminary all-clear in June. The bureau reported that it will continue monitoring the site and is awaiting a response from the well's operator, SW Energy, after issuing a violation notice. <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865606248/Green-River-oil-spill-visually-clean-but-monitoring-continues.html>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Colorado) Drought disaster for S.W. Colorado. The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued disaster designations for 10 counties in Colorado due to severe drought conditions that have caused producers' crops and livestock in the area to suffer and created financial losses. Affected producers are eligible for financial assistance, including emergency loans, from the Farm Service Agency. <http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20140702/NEWS01/140709909/-1/durangolivingspring2011/Drought-disaster-declared-in-SW-Colo->

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(North Dakota) Anthrax confirmed in North Dakota beef cow. State Veterinarian Susan Keller is urging North Dakota ranchers to make sure their livestock are vaccinated against anthrax, after the first confirmed case of the year in a Barnes County beef cow. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/anthrax-confirmed-in-north-dakota-beef-cow/article_b5ac97c6-02b6-11e4-b312-001a4bcf887a.html

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Nothing Significant to Report

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Running Cisco's VoIP manager? Four words you don't want to hear: 'Backdoor SSH root key'. Cisco warned users of its Unified Communications installations that a vulnerability exists in its Unified Communications Domain Manager (Unified CDM) software that can allow an unauthenticated attacker to gain root access by exploiting a default SSH key designed for use by Cisco support representatives. The vulnerability is present in all versions of Cisco Unified CDM prior to version 4.4.2 and users were advised to update the software, or to filter SSH access as a stopgap measure. http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/02/cisco_you_cant_just_leave_your_ssh_keys_lying_around/

PUBLIC HEALTH

(National) The unlocked backdoor to healthcare data. A CORL Technologies report found that the majority of healthcare vendors do not have minimum security and are failing to hold vendors accountable for meeting minimum acceptable standards in order to mitigate vendor-related security weaknesses. More than 58 percent scored in the "D" grade range for their culture of security. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17062>

(North Dakota) Lawsuit Claims Trinity Employee Caused Hepatitis-C Outbreak. The assisted living facility at the center of a mysterious outbreak of Hepatitis-C in

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Minot has filed suit against Trinity Health.

<http://www.kxnet.com/story/25895440/lawsuit-claims-trinity-employee-caused-hepatitis-c-outbreak>

TRANSPORTATION

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WATER AND DAMS

(National) U.S. Army Corps to close upper Mississippi as waters rise. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that rising flood waters on the Mississippi River were expected to make 11 locks and dams impassible and force the closure of the river June 30 between Bellevue, Iowa, to Saverton, Missouri. Around 80 barge tows were expected to be affected by the closure.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/30/us-mississippi-river-flood-idUSKBN0F528W20140630>

(North Dakota) Tests find bacteria in water at one location here. Residents served by the Jamestown municipal water system are being warned of two failed bacteria tests this month, according to Steve Suko, utility operations director for Jamestown. <http://www.jamestownsun.com/content/tests-find-bacteria-water-one-location-here>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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